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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY ALSO  
FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

SUBJECT: RSA PRESS ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG MAY 23/24

SUMMARY: CONSIDERABLE COMMENT ON YOUNG CONTINUES. CONSERVATIVE  
(PRO-SAG) PRESS DISPLEASED WITH AMBASSADOR'S ACTIVITIES AND  
REMARKS IN JOHANNESBURG. SAG REPORTEDLY ALSO DISPLEASED.  
OPPOSITION PRESS, WHICH WELCOMED VISIT, LAVISH IN PRAISE OF  
AMBASSADOR'S "MODERATE" AND "CONSTRUCTIVE" VIEWS. END SUMMARY.

1. CONSERVATIVE (PRO-SAG) JOHANNESBURG ENGLISH "THE CITIZEN" MAY  
24 DISPLEASED WITH YOUNG'S REMARKS SUNDAY AT USIS AND PRESS  
CONFERENCE. PAPER EDITORIALIZED "THIS WAS YOUNG IN HIS MOST  
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PROVOCATIVE MOOD. HE WAS GUILTY OF GRAVEST INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL  
AFFAIRS OF A COUNTRY THAT ANY VISITING AMBASSADOR CAN BE ACCUSED  
OF. HE SHOULD NOT HAVE DONE ANYTHING OR SAID ANYTHING THAT EITHER  
REFLECTED ON RSA OR ENCOURAGED ANY OF ITS PEOPLE TO ANY ACTION  
WHICH WOULD BE AGAINST EXISTING ORDER.

2. SAME PAPER CARREID EDITORIAL PAGE ARTICLE BY ASSISTANT EDITOR QUOTING "OFFICIAL REACTION IN PRETORIA" DESCRIBING YOUNG'S REMARKS AS "MOST BLATANT INTERVENTION IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER COUNTRY IN HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY." ARTICLE QUOTED "HIGH LEVEL SOURCES IN CAPE TOWN" SAYING YOUNG "DEFINITELY VIOLATED" TWO PRECONDITIONS LAID DOWN FOR VISIT, LISTED AS (1) THAT HE SHOULD NOT BE PROVOCATIVE OR EMBARRASS SAG, (2) HE SHOULD HOLD NO PRESS CONFERENCES AND ONLY PUBLIC APPEARANCES TO BE AT BUSINESSMEN'S DINNER AND AMEMBASSY RECEPTION - IN PRETORIA. ARTICLE CHARGED THAT USIS RECEPTION GUEST LIST "OBVIOUSLY PRE-ARRANGED AND PERFECTLY PLANNED" AND INCLUDED NUMBER OF "CONTROVERSIAL POLITICAL MILITANTS." ARTICLE ADDED: "SOME ANALYSTS BELIEVE YOUNG LASHED OUT AT LAST MINUTE AFTER FINDING HIS EARLIER, MORE MODERATE SPEECHES EARNED LITTLE PRESS FANFARE AND DISAPPOINTED ANTI-SAG WHITE LIBERALS AND BLACK MILITANTS ALIKE" AND QUOTED UNIDENTIFIED "PARLIAMENTARIAN" SAYING "THE MESSAGE WILL NOT BE LOST ON OUR BLACKS. MR YOUNG'S USIS SPEECH MUST HAVE COME LIKE A SHOT IN THE ARM TO BLACK MILITANTS, MUST MAKE THEM FEEL THEY HAVE GREEN LIGHT FROM WASHINGTON FOR WHATEVER ACTION THEY CARE TO TAKE."

3. JOHANNESBURG AFRIKAANS (PRO-SAG) "BEELD" MAY 24 EDITORIALIZED ON "CAPRICIOUS" MR YOUNG AND SAID SIMPLY BECAUSE BLACK VOTE EARNED CARTER VICTORY "DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE TAIL SHOULD WAG THE DOG." PAPER SAID YOUNG'S "EMOTIONAL OUTBURST (AT USIS RECEPTION) AGAIN DEMONSTRATED HIS UNSUITABILITY AS AMBASSADOR. USG OWES IT TO USA NEVER AGAIN TO ALLOW MAN IN SUCH HIGH POST TO DRAG ITS NAME THRU THE MUD."

4. JOHANNESBURG AFRIKAANS PAPER "DIE TRANSVALER" MAY 24  
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REPORTED OPINION OF INTERIOR MINISTER MULDER THAT YOUNG HAD "CONTRAVENED THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT FOR HIS VISIT, AND SAG VIEWS THIS IN SERIOUS LIGHT." MINISTER REPORTED REFERRING TO PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE SUNDAY EVENING.

5. JOHANNESBURG ENGLISH "THE STAR" MAY 23 REPORTED "FEW BUSINESSMEN OR NON-GOVERNMENT OPINION-MAKERS WHO HEARD OR EXCHANGED THOUGHTS WITH YOUNG AT WEEKEND FAILED TO BE IMPRESSED. CLEARLY HE TAILORED HIS WORDS TO MATCH THE AUDIENCE, BUT HIS ARGUMENTS REMAINED CONSISTENT AND WERE ADVANCED WITH SINCERITY AND CONCERN, ASSAILABLE AS THEY MAY BE TO PESSIMISTS OF THE LEFT OR RIGHT."

6. SAME PAPER EDITORIALIZED YOUNG "CONFOUNDED BOTH CRITICS AND SUPPORTERS IN LATEST VISIT TO THIS DIVIDED LAND. HE OFFERED COMFORT TO BOTH SIDES: HE ALSO SAID THINGS WHICH FIRST THE LEFT THEN THE RIGHT DID NOT WANT TO HEAR...YES, MR YOUNG PREACHED. BUT HE DID NOT BLUSTER AND HE DID NOT THREATEN. THE UNSPOKEN MESSAGE:

IF THE WEST IS FORCED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN BLACK AND WHITE AFRICA IT  
CAN O N L Y CHOOSE BLACK AFRICA, FOR ECONOMIC AS WELL AS POLITICAL  
REASONS...THERE WERE MAY THINGS- FROM BOYCOTTS TO PEACEFUL  
COOPERATION - THAT EITHER WHITES OR BLACKS DID NOT WANT TO HEAR.  
BUT AT LEAST HE TALKED ABOUT REALITIES. IT IS TIME MORE SOUTH  
AFRICANS DID."

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7. JOHANNESBURG LIBERAL ENGLISH "RAND DAILY MAIL" MAY 24  
EDITORIALIZED ON YOUNG'S CALL TO RSA BUSINESSMEN TO PROMOTE  
INTEGRATION IN THEIR OWN BUSINESS INTERESTS. PAPER SAID "ALTOUGH  
WE CONSIDER BASIS OF ARGUMENT SOUND, AS TACTICAL APPROACH TO  
RSA WHITES IT HAS SERIOUS GAP - BECAUSE IT DOESNT TAKE ACCOUNT  
OF MAIN FEAR THAT PLAGUES MINDS OF BUSINESSMEN HERE. IF THEY  
WERE CONFIDENT MULTIRACIALISM WOULD IN FACT LEAD TO PROSPERITY  
THEY WOULD PLUM FOR IT. BUT THEY FEAR IT MAY NOT. ONE MUST BE  
FRANK: THE RECORD OF BLACK AFRICA HAS NOT BEEN ENCOURAGING TO  
BUSINESSMEN AND THEY FEAR IF THEY PLUM FOR MULTIRACIALISM HERE  
THEY MAY IN THE LONG RUN GET A SYSTEM IN WHICH BOTH DEMOCRATIC  
INSTITUTIONS AND ECONOMIC EFFICIENCY WILL DEGENERATE, AND IN

WHICH THEIR BUSINESSES MAY BE NATIONALIZED...THE FEARS ARE REAL  
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AND UNDERSTANDABLE, AND AT THE MOMENT THE AMERICAN POLICY IS  
TOO TRITE AND SUPERFICIAL."

8. DURBAN ENGLISH "DAILY NEWS" MAY 23 EDITORIALIZED ON "JUST  
HOW FOOLISH THE SABC AND OTHER SAG PROPAGANDA HAVE BEEN IN TRYING  
TO RING OFF MR YOUNG. HIS PRESENCE, HIS UTTERANCES, HIS SOUND  
COMMONSENSE AND HIS STRONG MORAL REJECTION OF VIOLENCE HAVE  
UNDERCUT ATTEMPTS BY LESSER MINDS TO PAINT HIM AS A CLOWN. IT  
SHOULD HAVE BEEN OBVIOUS PRES CARTER, A TACTICAL MASTERMIND...  
WOULD NOT HAVE APPOINTED A MONKEY ON A STICK AS HIS FOREMOST  
AMBASSADOR."

9. PIETERMARITZBURG ENGLISH PAPER "NATAL WITNESS" MAY 24  
EDITORIALIZED "BETTER THE DEVIL YOU KNOW THAN THE ONE YOU DON'TM  
YOUNG'S RSA VISIT TOO SHORT FOR SOUTH AFRICANS TO GAIN ANY  
CLEAR IMPRESSION OF THE MAN...BUT HE HAS PROVED TO BE NOT QUITE  
THE DEVIL HE HAS BEEN PAINTED. HE IS BY NO MENAS THE IGNORANT,  
UNTHINKING, SUPERFICIAL MAN THE MEDIA HAVE ON OCCASIONS DEPICTED  
HIM TO BE. THUS A PITY OUR SABC TV SERVICE COULD NOT BRING ITSELF  
TO REPORT FULLY AND FAIRLY ON HIS VISIT AND VARIOUS SPEECHES  
AND REMARKS."

10. CAPE TOWN AFRIKAANS "DIE BURGER" MAY 24 EDITORIALIZED "THE  
AGGRESSIVE NEW CARTER POLICY TOWARDS RSA AS  
TRANSMITTED BY MONDALE AND YOUNG EXUDES HIGH-SOUNDING PRINCIPLES  
AND HONORABLE INTENTIONS. BUT ON A PRACTICAL POLITICAL LEVEL  
IT HAS DANGEROUS POTENTIAL FOR INCITING BLACK AGAINST WHITE IN  
SOMEONE ELSE'S COUNTRY. ALREADY WE HAVE SEEN EVIDENCE OF THIS  
IN CERTAIN HAPPENINGS DURING COURSE OF YOUNG'S JOHANNESBURG VISIT.  
RSA IN RELATIONS WITH USA FACES NEW FACTOR OF RACIAL INCITEMENT  
FROM OUTSIDE, WHICH IS MORE DANGEROUS THAT THE EMANATING FROM  
MOSCOW BECAUSE OF ITS RESPECTABLE GUISE."HUGHES

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